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1. According to Milovan Djilas, Yugoslav Communism is monolithic, ruled by the top Party members, Tito, Rankovic and Kardelj, and the rank and file members are "meaningless". He stated that this is because Communism - of any nation - is not really interested in politics or economy but simply in power. Djilas further described Yugoslav Communism as "decadent".
2. According to Djilas, Edvard Kardelj amounts to little, and the real man after Tito is Rankovic, who is Tito's undoubted successor. Djilas described Rankovic as not overly intelligent but with enough brains for the job. He further stated that Rankovic, like Tito, had good political sense, although he was slower to make decisions.
3. Djilas is unimpressed with the commune program and stated that it was just a sop to European socialists. He described it as merely an administrative measure at best.

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